PLANT FACT SHEET

Theobroma obovatum Klotzsch ex Bernoulli

GENUS *Theobroma* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Obovate chocolate tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: fruit

The sweet pulp around the seeds is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 8 m tall. The branches are slender. The leaves are dark and thickly papery. Fruit are produced on the ends of the branches. The fruit are round and 5-11 cm long by 3-8 cm wide They have an irregular thick leathery skin. There are about 15 seeds. The pulp is sweet.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the understorey of the forest. It is along the banks of rivers and streams. It grows in the lowlands and up to 400 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the family Byttneriaceae and the family Sterculiaceae.

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